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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY.

No. D 2702

Date 20 / 5 / 34

May

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34.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge  
receipt of your No. 1577 of May 23 and to  
thank you for the information contained therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*JR*

for Officer i/c Special Branch.

J. Van den Berg, Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

*52*  
Note and pass  
to file.

*JR*

Reg. Passed to you.  
*JR 24/5.*

No.1577.

SHANGHAI,

23

May

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
S. B. REGISTRY.	
No. D.	2702
Date	24 / 5 / 34

Sir,

Further to my letter of 10 March 1932 No.725 (your number D.2702/1932) I have the honour to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from Hongkong to the effect that Ludwig Adler, at the time suspected to be an agent of the Komintern, appears to employ tactics in commercial matters which almost amount to swindling.

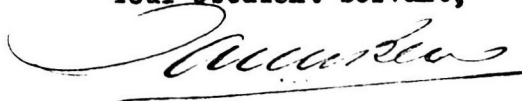
In 1933 he received a consignment of goods from the "N.V. Electrotechn. Mechan. Industrie" at Utrecht (Holland) for an amount of £ 151.17.3, which soon after arrival was auctioned by his orders, without the proceeds being ever remitted to his principal.

He has left Hongkong for Europe, travelling probably via Siberia.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Chinese Secretary.

*Reg  
attach file*

T. Robertson, Esquire,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Special Branch,

SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL P.  
C. & S. B. REGISTR

No. D 2702.

Date 18.5.32

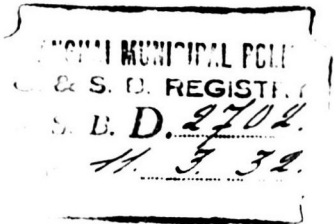
Extract of Straits Settlements Police Political  
Intelligence Journal dated Singapore, 31st March,  
1932.

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Ludwig Adler

Is now at 18 Lyeemoon Buildings, Chatham Road,  
Hongkong. He is reported to be doing moderate  
business and contemplates making a business trip to  
the Straits and Java shortly.

Req / attach to file.  
JBR 18/5



March 11,

32.

Dear Bos,

I have received your letter NO. 725 of March 10, 1932, and wish to thank you for the information regarding Ludwig Adler, which will form an interesting addition to our records.

Yours sincerely,

H. Bos Esq.,

Netherlands Consulate-General  
Shanghai.

S2, Please note and submit to  
Registry file. JH  
Reg. Passed to you. 11:3:32.  
SBR. 11/3

No. 725.

SHANGHAI. 10th March 1932 .

Sir,

Further to my letter No.567 of February 27th last, I have the honour to forward herewith some additional information regarding Ludwig Adler, emanating from the Police at Vienna.

Ludwig Adler engaged in business in Shanghai from 1908 until 1911. He has since resided in London, Vienna, the Netherlands and again in Vienna, from where he left for China, returning to Vienna in 1926, where he founded a trade-paper called "The Eastern Markets".

At present he is salesman for various firms to the United States and the Far East.

At Chemnitz (Germany) an action was instituted against him because of fraud, which action seems to be still pending.

The Vienna Police know nothing regarding his suspected communist affiliations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



Chinese Secretary.

T.P.Givens, Esquire,

Officer in charge of Special Branch,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

S.B.-D.2702

SHANGHAI CONSULAR OFFICE  
& S. B. REGISTRY  
S. B. D. 2702  
1 3 34

February

29,

32.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter No.567 of February 27 and to thank you  
for the information contained in it regarding Ludwig  
Adler.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Officer i/c Special Branch.

Consul General for the Netherlands,

Shanghai.

No. 567.

SHANGHAI, 27 February 1932.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
REGISTRY  
S. B. D. 2708  
27 2 32

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Van den Berg's letter No. 3585 of October 22nd addressed to Mr. Aiers I have the honour to forward herewith further particulars regarding Ludwig Adler emanating from the authorities in the Netherlands.

Ludwig Adler was born at Mihalyur, province of Nyistia (Hungary) on August 25th 1875. He is supposed to be a dealer in foodstuffs. He was registered at Amsterdam, coming from Vienna on October 20th 1915, together with his wife Melanie Brüll, born at Vienna 5-12-1888 and their daughter Eleonore, born at Westoliff (England) 6-11-1912.

On June 1919 Mrs. Adler and her daughter were again registered after an absence of nine months, coming from Vienna.

Adler, at that time, was in possession of passport No. 33838, issued by the Austrian Consulate at Amsterdam on December 13th 1918 and visaed for the return voyage on May 26th 1919.

On June 11th 1921 the whole family returned to Vienna and their names were struck off the register. They have not been registered in the Netherlands since.

Adler's new nationality is Czecho-Slovakian.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Chinese Secretary.

T.P. Givens, Esquire,  
Officer in charge of Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.



Straits Settlements Police Political Intelligence Journal

Singapore, 15th November, 1931.

Page 69.

81. Adler, Ludwig.

This man was born at Gratimichel, Austria, and is of Austrian or Czecho-Slovakian nationality. He is a commercial traveller about fifty years of age. He is reported to be in the Far East on a communist propaganda mission. While in Singapore he gave no cause for suspicion. He left here for Hongkong on 24.9.31 and his further itinerary is not yet definitely known.

Reg. attach to file.  
JBR  
307.2

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

To Shanghai, 18th Nov. 1931.  
S.S.,

The Communist  
who disappeared  
from France and  
about whom I told  
you to make  
inquiries from  
the S.S. is  
obviously another  
man.

Noted

original report detached.

*[Signature]*  
18/11

D. 2702.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai,

Nov. 18.

1931.

To

O'Connell. S.B.

The information  
contained in the  
attached re: L. Adler,  
has been in our possession  
since Oct. 23, 1931,  
vide file no. D. 2702.

C. J. (B. B.)

Adler

Sir,

File attached.

18/11.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 2704  
Date 18. 11. 31

Translation of extract from French Police Daily  
Intelligence Report dated November 17, 1931.

ACTIVITY OF AGENTS OF THE COMINTERN AND OF THE U.S.S.R.

Para.1. L. Adler in Hongkong

Supplementary to the information given in our report of October 27, 1931, page 1, para.1, we are informed that one named Ludwig Adler, suspected to be an agent of the Third International, arrived in Singapore from France on August 18, 1931. He left that town for Hongkong on September 19 arriving there on September 14. He resides at No.292 Prince Edward Road, with his friend a certain Mr. Komor, a businessman .

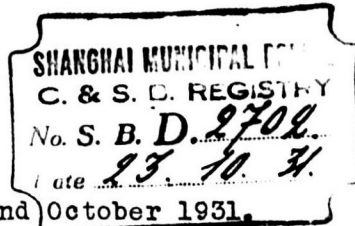
L. Adler travels in the capacity of a representative of various commercial firms, and neither at Singapore nor at Hongkong has he been the subject of an unfavourable comment on the part of the British Police.

L.Adler is in possession of Czechoslovakian passport No. 7/378 issued in Shanghai on March 6, 1929.

No. 3585.

SHANGHAI,

22nd October 1931.



Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that according to information received Ludwig Adler, left Singapore on the 19th of September by the s.s. "Kashmir" for Hongkong.

He seems to have abandoned his plans for a trip to Netherlands India "for business reasons".

He arrived in Hongkong on 24 September 1931 and stayed at the Peninsula Hotel until the 26th of that month.

He registered at Police Headquarters in Hongkong of his own accord on the 2nd of October, stating in conversation that he was an old "China hand", who had been visiting the Far East as a commercial traveller for the past 28 years.

He appears to represent the following concerns:

1. Messrs. T.A. Cockin, Ltd., Manufacturers of Asbestos goods of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England.
2. Messrs. Craye & Fils, Tapestry and furniture covering manufacturers, of Roubaix, North France.

He also represents several small Czecho-Slovakian concerns. It appears to be his intention to make Hongkong his business headquarters in the near future and to rent an office there.

At the present time he is staying at 292 Prince Edward Road, the residence of Mr. Komor of Messrs. Komor & Komor, who he says, is a very old friend of his.

His presence in Hongkong so far has given no rise to suspicions.

He is short and stout build, clean shaven, has a small nose and a healthy complexion. He speaks almost faultless English.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

R.C. Aiers, Esquire,  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Crime & Special Branches,

SHANGHAI.

Chinese Secretary.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
23.10.31

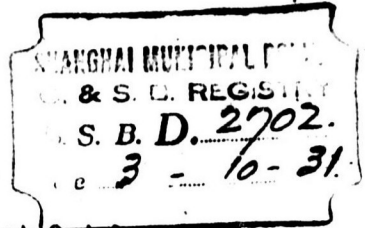
CONFIDENTIËEL

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN  
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.  
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

No. 1908

SHANGHAI,

1st October 1931.



Sir,

I have the honour to confirm herewith  
my conversation over the telephone this mor-  
ning with Mr. H. Robertson of the Special Branch  
to the effect that Ludwig Adler, suspected of  
communist activities, left Singapore for Hong-  
kong on the 19th of September by the s.s.  
"Kashmir".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to the Chinese Secretary.

Chinese Secretary.

R. C. Aiers, Esquire,  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Crime & Special Branches,  
SHANGHAI.

*S. S. Makarov*  
*SBK. 3/10*

*\$2*  
*For attention*  
*J.P.S.*  
*3:10:31*

**BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,  
P.O. BOX 280. SHANGHAI.**

21st September 1951.

PERSONAL.

Dear Mr Robertson,

With reference to No.S.B-D2702 of 26.8.51 from Mr.Givens to Mr. Steptoe, the following message was received this morning from Singapore:-  
"Lodvig ADLER leaving for Hongkong by s.s.Kashmir 20th September. Hongkong not informed. He has given no cause for suspicion here".

If you think Hongkong should be advised about Adler's movements you will no doubt take the necessary steps.

I shall very much appreciate if in due course you could confirm or refute the French report that this man is a Communist agent.

Yours sincerely,



H. Robertson, Esq.,  
(Special Branch)  
C.I.D.

*AR*

Special Branch,

August 31, 1931.

S. 2.

Re Addler

Information is received that Addler is travelling on Czecho-Slovakian Passport No. 7/378/1929 issued at Shanghai on March 6, 1929 and vised by the police in Paris on October 4, 1930. The Singapore Police have telegraphed to say that they have no ground for suspicion against him but that he intends going to Java. Please see the Netherlands Consular Authorities and ask them if it is possible to keep a watch on his movements while in Java and to let us know immediately he leaves that port.

*Henry Robertson*  
C.D.I.

*J.S. Makaroff*

*attach to file.*

*J.S.R.*  
*31/8.*



SPECIAL INQUIRY

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION  
& S. B. REGS.  
S. B. D. 2702.

Special Branch, date 28 - 8 - 31

August 28, 1931.

S. 2.

Adler has reached Singapore. S. will endeavour to keep us posted about his further movements. However S. 2 should keep a watch in co-operation with the Chinese Passport Authorities and French Police for his arrival. When Adler arrives, S.2 should keep a watch on his movements, but should refrain from doing anything likely to lead him to suspect that he is under surveillance.

*J. L. Lewis*  
O.i/o Sp.Br.

*D. S. Makaroff.*

*In attention please -*

*J. B. K.*  
25/8

SHANGHAI  
C. & S. RECORD  
No. S. B. D. 2702.  
Date 26 - 8 - 31

August

26

31.

My dear Steptoe,

The following radio has been received by  
the French Consular Authorities from Indo-China :-

"Ludvig ADLER, born at Gratemichal, Checo-Slovakia,

"on August 25th, 1878, resides usually in Vienna,

"Austria. Reported to be an important agent of

"the III International in China as well as in

"French and British colonies of the Pacific.

"Supposed to have resided in Shanghai in 1920-

"1922 and in 1927. Passed through Indo-China in

"1928. End 1928 - 1929 Moscow.

"Reported to have left Juan-les-Pins (France) on

"the 26th July 1931 for Gema, from where he

"intends to proceed to Singapore.

"Description : Age about fifty, tall, hair light

"brown, rather thin, heavily built, clean shaven,

"small nose, 'American type'".

Yours sincerely,



H.M. Steptoe, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General.



Changhai, le August 25, 193 I

DIRECTION DES SERVICES DE POLICE

SECTION POLITIQUE

N° 9/S.P.

Mr. GIVENS,  
Assistant Commissioner in charge of special branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. GIVENS,

You will find, herewith enclosed, translation  
of a radio, received by our Consulate Authorities,  
from Indo-China.

Yours faithfully,

T R A N S L A T I O N  
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